



## DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

*Economic Development Division*

### **m e m o r a n d u m**

**TO:** Urbana Public Arts Commission

**FROM:** Pauline Tannos, Public Arts Coordinator

**DATE:** December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**SUBJECT:** Boneyard Spring Celebration 2017

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#### **Background**

Every year in the spring, the Urbana Public Arts Program presents an outdoor arts event at the Boneyard Creek Crossing. The park spans from around Race and Griggs Streets to around Broadway and University Avenues. The annual event, which started in 2015, is registered as a part of 40 North's Boneyard Arts Festival.

#### **Update**

CITISPACE, a local social venture focused on placemaking through site-specific public art installations and programming, proposes building an interactive art installation at Boneyard Creek Crossing (Attachment A) in April 2017. Titled *Unity Project*, the installation has been presented throughout the world, and explores themes of identity and diversity.

In the past, CITISPACE has installed community chalkboards on campus, and presented arts programming to activate a vacant storefront in downtown Champaign. If contracted, CITISPACE would plan and execute *Unity Project* in partnership with the Urbana Public Arts Program.

#### **Recommendation**

Staff recommends that the Public Arts Commission review CITISPACE's proposal and share any comments or suggestions they might have.

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